

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A pair of fire protective trousers which includes an outer shell ~~formed of~~ comprising a right front panel, a right rear panel, a left front panel and a left rear panel, said right front panel and said right rear panel extending from a waistline to a lower edge of a right leg of the trousers, and said left front panel and a left rear panel extending from the waistline to a lower edge of a left leg of the trousers, said right front panel and said right rear panel being connected along a right outseam which is located in a rear of the outer shell and a right inseam which extends downwardly from a crotch point to a lower edge of the right leg, said right front panel being wider than the right rear panel when the right front and right rear panels are disconnected and flattened ~~flatted-out than the right rear panel,~~ and said left front panel and said left rear panel being connected along a left outseam which is located in a rear of the outer shell and a left inseam which extends downwardly from a crotch point to a lower edge of the left leg, said left front panel being wider than the left rear panel when the left front and left rear panels are disconnected and flattened ~~out than said left rear panel.~~

2. **(Currently Amended)** The fire protective trousers as defined in claim 1, wherein ~~said right front panel is connected to said right rear panel along a right inseam which extends downwardly from a crotch point and curves rearwardly to a~~ the lower edge of the right rear panel, and ~~said left front panel being connected to said left rear panel along a left~~

~~inseam that extends downwardly from said crotch point and curves~~
rearwardly to ~~a~~the lower edge of the left rear panel.

3. **(Currently Amended)** The fire protective trousers as ~~define~~
defined in claim 2, wherein when said pair of pants is vertically oriented
relative to a flat flooring surface said right rear panel defines a concave
lower edge relative to the flat flooring surface and said left real panel
defines a concave lower edge relative to the flat flooring surface.

4. **(Original)** The fire protective trousers as defined in claim 2,
wherein said right front panel includes upper and lower pleats that extend
from said right outseam toward said right inseam and upper and lower
pleats which extend from said right inseam toward said right outseam.

5. **(Currently Amended)** The fire protective trousers according to
claim 4, wherein when said pair of pants is vertically oriented, said
respective upper and lower pleats are ~~in register~~ generally horizontally
aligned.

6. **(Original)** The fire protective trousers according to claim 5,
wherein said right front panel includes a right knee pad and said upper
and lower pleats extend towards said right knee pad.

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8. **(Original)** The fire protective trousers according to claim 4,
wherein said left front panel includes upper and lower pleats which extend
from said left outseam toward said left inseam and upper and lower pleats
which extend from said left inseam toward said left outseam.

9. **(Currently Amended)** The fire protective trousers according to claim 8, wherein when said pair of pants is vertically oriented, said upper and lower pleats are respectively in register generally horizontally aligned.

10. **(Original)** The fire protective trousers according to claim 9, wherein said left front panel includes a left knee pad and said upper and lower pleats in said left front panel extend towards said left knee pad.

11. **(Original)** The fire protective trousers according to claim 2, wherein said right front panel is connected to said left front panel along a center seam and wherein said right rear panel is connected to said left rear panel along a center rear seam, and wherein said center rear seam is at least 6 inches longer in length than said center front seam.

12. **(Original)** The fire protective trousers according to claim 11, including a removable liner mounted within said outer shell, said removable liner including an outer layer of a moisture barrier material and an inner layer of a thermal material.

13. **(Original)** The fire protective trousers according to claim 12, wherein said outer layer includes a right front panel, a right rear panel, a left front panel and a left rear panel, said right front panel and said right rear panel being connected along a right outseam which is located in a rear of the outer layer and said left front panel and said left rear panel being connected along a left outseam which is located in a rear of the outer layer.

14. **(Original)** The fire protective trousers according to claim 13, wherein said right front panel of said outer layer is connected to said right rear panel thereof along a right inseam which extends from a crotch area down a right leg portion of the outer layer and curves rearwardly to a lower edge of the right rear panel.

15. **(Original)** The fire protective trousers according to claim 14, wherein said left front panel of said outer layer is connected to said left rear panel thereof along a left inseam which extend from the crotch area down a left leg portion of the outer layer and curves rearwardly to a lower edge of the left rear panel.

16. **(Original)** The fire protective trousers according to claim 12, wherein each of said right front panel, right rear panel, left front panel and left rear panel of said outer layer define concave or cupped lower edges.

17. **(Original)** The fire protective trousers according to claim 16, wherein each of said right front and left front panels of said outer layer includes upper and lower darts which, with the liner mounted within the outer shell, are respectively positioned above and below the upper and lower pleats in the right front and left front legs of the outer shell.

18. **(Original)** The fire protective trousers according to claim 12, wherein said right front panel of said outer layer is connected to the left front panel thereof along a center front seam and said right rear panel of said outer layer is connected to the left rear panel thereof by a center

rear seam, and wherein said center rear seam of said outer layer is longer than said center front seam thereof by at least six inches.

19. **(Original)** The fire protective trousers according to claim 18, wherein said inner layer includes a right front panel, a right rear panel, a left front panel and a left rear panel, and wherein said right front and left front panels of said inner layer respectively include upper and lower darts which are located below the respective upper and lower darts of said right and left front panels of said outer layer.

20. **(New)** A pair of fire protective trousers which includes an outer shell comprising a right front panel, a right rear panel, a left front panel and a left rear panel, said right front panel and said right rear panel forming a right leg of the trousers, and said left front panel and a left rear panel forming a left leg of the trousers, said right front panel and said right rear panel being connected along a right outseam which is located in a rear of the outer shell and a right inseam which extends downwardly from a crotch point to a lower edge of the right leg, said right front panel being wider than the right rear panel when the right front and right rear panels are disconnected and flattened out, said left front panel and said left rear panel being connected along a left outseam which is located in a rear of the outer shell and a left inseam which extends downwardly from a crotch point to a lower edge of the left leg, said left front panel being wider than the left rear panel when the left front and left rear panels are disconnected and flattened out, wherein said right front panel includes

upper and lower pleats which extend from said right outseam toward a right knee area and upper and lower pleats which extend from said right inseam toward said right knee area, and where said left front panel include upper and lower pleats which extend from said left outseam toward a left knee area and upper and lower pleats which extend from said left inseam toward said left knee area.